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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF VAN YPERSELE GROUP

MANDATE

REF: A) STATE 59848, B) OECD PARIS 6713

- 1. SUMMARY. IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISING DIVERGENT POSITIONS, OECD COUNCIL AGREED (WITH SOME COUNTRIES STILL IN AD REFERENDUM STATUS) TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY AD HOC GROUP FOR MONETARY AND FINANCIAL ISSUES ARISING FROM RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OECD COUNTRIES AND OIL PRODUCERS. WHILE GROUP NOMINALLY WITHIN EPC, IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS FORMAL LINK WILL NOT HAMPER GROUP FROM FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN TIMELY MANNER. VAN LENNEP INDICATED VAN YPERSELE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO CHAIR GROUP. END SUMMARY.
- 2. OECD COUNCIL ON MARCH 18 RETURNED TO QUESTION OF CREATING AD HOC WORKING PARTY FOR MONETARY AND FINANCIAL ISSUES ARISING FROM RELATIONS BETWEEN OECD COUNTRIES AND OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH CONSIDERABLE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS STILL EVIDENT, BUT WITH MOST COUNTRIES APPARENTLY WILLING TO ACCEPT LINK TO EPC ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY FRENCH, PARTICULARLY IN FORMULATION WHICH WORKED OUT AS "COMPROMISE" BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND FRENCH. U.S. ADDUCED ARGUMENTS. DRAWING ON PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL A FOR ACCEPTANCE PROPOSAL ALONG LINES ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT FORMULATION. DURING FIRST EXCHANGE JAPANESE CONTINUED TO SHOW STRONG RELUCTANCE ON ANY PROPOSAL. U.K. PERMREP CHIDED SECGEN FOR NOT CONSULTING EPC CHAIRMAN SIR DOUGLAS ALLEN IN ADVANCE. HOWEVER, DURING MEETING, U.K. DELEGATE RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ALLEN AND ANNOUNCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT ARRANGEMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO EPC CHAIRMAN.

3. CANADIAN PERMREP MADE HELPFUL LANGUAGE SUGGESTIONS WHICH ATTENUATED LINK BETWEEN PROPOSED NEW GROUP AND EPC. VAN LENNEP URGED THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT PROPOSAL WITH CANADIAN AMENDMENTS SO THAT URGENT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WHICH GROUP NEED TO TACKLE COULD GO FORWARD. AMBASSADOR TURNER (DRAWING ON PARA 3 OF REFTEL A)

INDICATED THAT U.S. COULD ACCEPT PROPOSAL IF IT WERE CLEAR IN THE RECORD THAT GROUP WILL IN PRACTICE BE ABLE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO OECD COUNCIL AND THAT ITS WORK WILL NOT BE HELD UP OR HAMPERED BY ANY NEED FOR REVIEW BY EPC. BOTH VAN LENNEP AND FRENCH PERMREP AGREED WITH THIS INTERPRETATION. (U.S. IDEA THAT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF GROUP SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED AT AN EARLY DATE WAS NOT PICKED UP, BUT U.S. IS, OF COURSE, FREE TO ASK FOR SUCH RECONSIDERATION AT ANY TIME.)

4. SEVERAL PERMREPS NOTED THAT THEY ACCEPTED PROPOSAL ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS. AT REQUEST OF SWISS, VAN LENNEP SAID THAT RECORD WOULD SHOW ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF ISSUES THAT GROUP WOULD BE ASKED TO DISCUSS (DRAWING ON LIST OF FINANCIAL AND MONETARY ISSUES IN IEA DOCUMENT IEA/SPC(75)7). JAPANESE DELEGATE ASKED THAT RECORD SHOW HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MANDATE OF THE GROUP DID NOT PREJUDICE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AN INVESTMENT FUND MECHANISM BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. (JAPANESE PERMREP STATED HIS AUTHORITIES FELT SUCH MECHANISM SHOULD BE LEFT TO PRIVATE SECTOR.)

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5. VAN LENNEP STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VAN YPERSELE AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD VAN YPERSELE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO CHAIR THE GROUP. VAN LENNEP EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GROUP WOULD ELECT VAN YPERSELE AS CHAIRMAN, ALTHOUGH IT WAS UP TO THE GROUP TO MAKE THE DECISION. THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT ENTRY IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES WHICH EMERGED FROM THE MEETING READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT THE COUNCIL

(A) INSTRUCTED THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THESE ISSUES SHALL NOT INCLUDE MATTERS RELATING TO INVESTMENT WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES;

- (B) AGREED TO CREATE FORTHWITH TO THIS END, WITHIN THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE, A TEMPORARY AD HOC WORKING PARTY OPEN TO ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. THIS WORKING PARTY WILL REPORT, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE;
- (C) INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP THE COUNCIL REGULARLY INFORMED IN REGARD TO THE WORK OF THE FOREGOING WORKING PARTY. END TEXT TURNER

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